and it is delaying the distribution of post; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are proposing to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of postpersons (postmen and postwomen) working during the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 was 53,905,51,707 and 52,719 respectively.

(b) and (c) Posts of postmen are created on the basis of workload as per prescribed norms wherever justified.

Better Working Conditions for Doctors and Nurses in Delhi Hospitals

42. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poor working conditions and poor remuneration of the doctors and nurses in the Central Government hospitals in Delhi are the main causes of frequent strikes in the hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to provide better working conditions and better remuneration to the doctors and nurses of the Central Government hospitals; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for frequent strikes by doctors and nurses in the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) The working and service conditions as well as pay and allowances etc. of the nurses and doctors have been reviewed from time to time by various Government bodies like Pay Commissions, Expert Committees etc. and as per the recommendations of these bodies, the Pay and Allowance have been enhanced and working/service conditions improved.

CGHS Dispensary in Andhra Pradesh

43. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of persons being benefited under this scheme in that State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more CGHS dispensaries in all the towns, cities and mandal headquarters of Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) 13.

(b) 3.07 lakhs.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) No new CGHS dispensary is proposed to be opened under CGHS, Hyderabad during the current plan period due to financial constraints.

मध्य प्रदेश में कुष्ठ रोग

44. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री चन्दन शर्मा :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ क्षेत्रों में कुष्ठ रोग का प्रकोप घटने की अपेक्षा बढ़ता जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस प्रकोप को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) और (ख) इस बात के कोई प्रमाण नहीं है कि मध्य प्रदेश में कुष्ठ रोगियों की संख्या में वृद्धि हुई है ।